

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(303) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash asked:

(1) Please provide a list of all sites that have been considered or investigated by the department as potential suitable sites or facilities for asylum seeker accommodation?

(2) Has the Minister been briefed on any or all of these potential locations? If so which ones?

(3) Has a short list of potential sites been drawn up, If so please provide a copy?

*Answer:*

(1) The department has received offers or approaches from a number of individuals and organisations identifying potential sites around the country. Most of these are not suitable and were not given detailed consideration.

In addition, the department has worked closely with the Department of Defence and with the Department of Finance and Deregulation's Commonwealth Land Register to identify appropriate Commonwealth property.

(2) The Department does not comment on policy advice provided to the Minister.

(3) The Department does not comment on policy advice provided to the Minister.